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Consecration of Christ Church Cathedral,

FREDERICTON, N. B.

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*From "The Churchman."*

## CONSECRATION

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### THE CATHEDRAL AT FREDERICTON.

This most interesting and important event took place on Wednesday, August 31st. For several days previously the Clergy of the Diocese, and several from the neighboring provinces and the United States, had been assembling in Fredericton, so that on the morning of the Consecration "great was the company of the preachers" gathered around the eminent Prelate whom God in His providence has placed over this extensive Diocese, and whose labors have been so zealous and successful. Of his Lordship's Clergy all, with a very few exceptions, were in attendance to cheer him with their presence, to aid him by their prayers, and to assist in rendering the service in some small measure worthy of the greatness and solemnity of the occasion. From abroad the Rt. Rev. the Bishops of QUEBEC and TORONTO, the Rt. Rev. Bishop SOUTHGATE of the American Church, with several Presbyters from Nova Scotia, Canada and the United States, came, animated, as their words and deeds testified, by a spirit of true Catholic love, rejoicing in the prosperity of their Brethren, and anxious to mingle their prayers and praises with those of their fellow-members of CHRIST's Mystical Body on this high festival.

Early in the morning the Royal standard and other national flags were unfurled from the windows of the tower, and the sweet-toned bells rung out a merry peal. The apprehensions of unpleasant weather, with which the clouds and mist had agitated many breasts, were soon happily removed; and, long before the hour appointed for the commencement of the service, the spacious nave and aisles

were crowded to their utmost capacity. At eleven o'clock the procession formed at Province Hall. and moved in order to the Cathedral. A number of boys bearing appropriate banners preceded and flanked it. The Members of the Legislature present, the Officers of the 76th, the Members of the Bench and the Bar, the Wardens and Vestrymen of the Parish, the Master Workmen, the Mayor of the City, with other inhabitants and strangers, were followed by sixty-one of the Clergy in surplices, the Architect,—FRANK WILLS, Esq.—the Archdeacon, and the four Bishops in their Episcopal robes. On reaching the Cathedral grounds the Bishops and Clergy commenced chanting the 121st Psalm to the 5th tone. When the procession arrived at the great western door it opened to the right and left, and the Bishops and Clergy first entered, chanting the 24th Psalm as they went up the nave, the choir accompanied by the full organ joining in at the 7th verse as the procession approached the chancel, "Lift up your heads, O ye gates." The Bishop of the Diocese proceeded to his stall on the south-side of the choir; the other Bishops occupied the three sedilia in the sacrum, and the Presbyters and Deacons were arranged on either side of the deep and spacious chancel. While the Clergy and people were taking their seats and preparing for the solemn services which were to follow, a beautiful voluntary was performed by Mr. HAYTER of Boston, who kindly presided at the organ during the entire four days' services, and by his rare skill and admirable taste added not a little to their dignity and impressiveness. As soon as entire quiet pervaded the building, the Bishop commenced the Consecration Office, being in the main that of Bishop ANDREWS (which is that of the American Church with some alterations), with additions from Bishops PATRICK and WILSON. After

the Consecration Prayer, the Sentence of Consecration, engrossed on parchment, signed and sealed by his Lordship, was read by the Rev. FREDERICK COSTER, rector of Carleton. From this document it appeared that the building thus dedicated to the Most High God was to be used both as the Cathedral of the Diocese and a parish church, and that the seats, with the single exception of one for Her Majesty's Representative, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province, were to be, and to remain forever, free and unappropriated. Morning Prayer was then commenced by the Rev. Mr. PODMORE, curate of St. Anne's chapel, Fredericton. The Venite was chanted to the 5th tone. The proper Psalm being the 136th, was in like manner chanted, antiphonally, by the choir and congregation. The First Lesson—1 Kings c. viii, v. 22-62—was read by the Rev. Dr. HAIGHT of New York. The *Te Deum* was sung antiphonally to a chant of Palestrina. The Second Lesson—Hebrews c. x, v. 19-26—was read by the Rev. WILLIAM Q. KETCHUM, curate of Fredericton. At the appointed place, an anthem of Dr. ELVER's—"Open ye the gates that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in," &c., Isaiah xxvi, 1-4—was sung by the choir. The Litany was said by the Rev. Dr. EDSON of Lowell, Mass. At the close of Morning Prayer, the following hymn was sung most sweetly by thirty children of both sexes, and the choir at intervals:

#### CONSECRATION HYMN.

Hallelujah! blest and sweetest  
Of the hymns of praise above:  
Hallelujah! thou repeatest,  
Angel-host, these notes of love:  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.

**Hallelujah ! Church victorious,  
Join the concert of the sky:**

**Hallelujah ! bright and glorious,  
Lift, ye saints, this strain on high:**

**Hallelujah ! Hallelujah ! Hallelujah ! Amen.**

**Hear, O Lord, our supplication,  
Hear and answer from on high:**

**May the joy of thy salvation  
Visit us continually.**

**Hallelujah ! Hallelujah ! Hallelujah ! Amen.**

**Hallelujah ! to the FATHER,  
Hallelujah ! to the SON,**

**Hallelujah ! to the SPIRIT,  
One in Three and Three in One:**

**Hallelujah ! Hallelujah ! while the endless ages run.**

—The Ante-Communion Service was then commenced by the Bishop of the Diocese. The Responses in the Decalogue were sung—the music being by Chief Justice CARTER of New Brunswick. The Epistle—1 Corin. iii, v. 16 to end—was read by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, and the Gospel—John ii, 13–18—by the Lord Bishop of QUEBEC. The sermon was preached by the Rt. Rev. HORATIO SOUTHGATE, D. D., the late Foreign Missionary Bishop of the American Church to Turkey, and now rector of the Church of the Advent, Boston. His text was taken from Psalm cxxii, v. 8 and 9—"For my brethren and companions' sake, I will now say, Peace be within thee. Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek thy good." As this discourse will be at once printed in compliance with the earnest and unanimous request of the Bishops and Clergy present, we shall not attempt to give an analysis of it. Suffice it now to say that it was worthy

of the occasion, and the high reputation of the distinguished preacher. His beautiful exposition of the grounds on which rested the union of the vast and diversified congregation before him in one brotherhood—his clear and forcible statement of the true intent and meaning of the solemnities of the day—and the important practical results which he eloquently set forth as the necessary consequences of the renewed intercourse between the several branches of the Anglican Church, if the proper course be taken, will long be remembered by his attentive and delighted auditors. After the sermon the Offertory Sentences were read by the Rev. WILLIAM HARRISON, rector of Portland. The alms of the congregation were collected by several laymen of the Diocese, those of the Clergy and choir by the Rev. C. M. PARKMAN of North Carolina, and the Rev. J. S. WILLIAMS of Woodstock, and were together received by the Bishop, who humbly presented and placed them on the holy table. They amounted to about £252 currency, or \$1008, being, it is thought, the largest collection yet made in British North America. This sum was subsequently increased by collections at two of the following services and by the donation of a lady, to £300, or \$1200,\* and will be appropriated to the payment of the debt yet resting on the Bishop for the Cathedral, and which would not have existed had there not been a failure in some of the sources whence aid was expected. After the Prayer for the Whole State of CHRIST'S Church Militant, and such of the congregation as did not purpose to receive the Lord's Supper had retired, several vessels for the Holy Communion were brought to the Bishop, who reverently presented them

\* We have since learned that the whole amount received from the Offertory Collections was £330 ls. 2d. or \$1320 25c.

on the holy table, and said the following prayer, originally composed by Bishop PATRICK :

Most Blessed LORD, accept, we beseech Thee, of the oblation we make unto Thee of these vessels, which we humbly dedicate to Thy Divine service at Thy holy table. And as we now give them up wholly to Thy use in the ministration of the Holy Communion of CHRIST'S Body and Blood, so we pray Thee to receive them for Thine own. Preserve them from being any way profaned ; and being here set apart and consecrated by our office and ministry to Thy service, let them always continue to be so employed, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD and SAVIOUR. Amen.

The Ven. GEORGE COSTER, Archdeacon of Fredericton, then proceeded with the Communion Service, reading the Exhortations and Confession. The Absolution was pronounced by the Bishop of the Diocese, who also said the Prayer of Consecration, and delivered the Communion to the other Bishops and the Clergy appointed to assist in the further ministration of the same. The four Bishops, assisted by the Rev. JAMES DIXON CARDER of Connecticut, the Rev. T. R. LAMBERT, Chaplain U. S. N., the Rev. Dr. ALLEY of St. Andrews, and the Rev. W. E. SCOVILL of Kingston, then administered the Sacrament to the other Clergy and a large number of the Laity. The Prayers in the Post-Communion were said by the Bishop of QUEBEC, and the blessing was pronounced by the Bishop of FREDERICTON.

Thus closed a service which, in point of interest, solemnity, and importance, has rarely been equalled. Notwithstanding the vast assemblage which crowded every part of the building, the utmost decorum prevailed from the commencement to the end of the solemnities. The spirit of the occasion was evidently felt by all. The music was exceedingly appropriate and admirably performed. The



choir was strengthened not only by several of the clergy, but by a valuable addition from the choir of Carleton headed by the accomplished rector, the Rev. F. Coetzee. The responses came back from the goodly company of the priests and people of the Lord, as in ancient times, "like the noise of many waters." That it was indeed good to be there,—on such a festival—and in such company—with such feelings of brotherly love and unity pervading the whole assembly—for such high and holy purposes,—was the language of many hearts. And then too the confident hope rose up in the mind that God in His infinite goodness to His Church would allow occasions of a like nature to be multiplied to the confounding of her adversaries, to the strengthening of the faith of her children, and to the gathering in of multitudes now wandering in the mazes of error and unbelief.

The edifice itself, which was thus solemnly consecrated to the service of the Triune God, now demands our attention. It is situated at the eastern end of Fredericton, within a short distance of the bank of the river St. John, and is the first object that strikes the eye as you approach the city from that quarter. A more desirable and beautiful site cannot be conceived. The style of the architecture is that generally denominated Second Pointed, or Decorated, with a determination rather towards the Flamboyant, than the Geometrical, in the great eastern and western windows. The ground plan is cruciform with central tower and spire. The nave including the aisles is 84 by 62 feet, and is divided into five bays, the porch being projected from the second bay on the south side, from the west end. West of the chief doorway, in the west end, which is of small dimensions after the manner of ancient English churches, is a porch, or triple arcade, flanked by massive buttresses, and

surmounted by a cornice on which is inscribed the following legend—

Deo et Ecclesie A. D. 1849.

Over the inside of this doorway, between its apex and the sill of the west window, in richly illuminated letters on a scroll, are inscribed the following legends:

I have waited for Thy salvation, O LORD.

The LORD of Hosts is with us.

O pray for the Peace of Jerusalem.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.

The Font is placed a little to the south of the central passage, opposite the south doorway. It is of Caen stone, of extremely handsome design, and large dimensions. It stands on a cruciform platform. On the upper edge of the bowl is inscribed the text—"Except a man be born of water and of the SPIRIT, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." The seats are all open and low. They are of butternut, and simple in character. The central passage is 7 feet in width, the side passages each 4 feet 3 inches. The pulpit is capacious, and stands near the northwest pier of the tower facing the southwest. The nave finishes with the western face of the tower, which is 27 feet 6 inches square, and supported on four massive cut-stone piers about 30 feet in circumference. On its north and south sides are transepts opening into the north and south aisles. The north transept is occupied by the organ. It is rather difficult to describe, except through the medium of a ground plan, the arrangements for the choir and sanctuary. We will state them as clearly as possible, and if our readers will make a pencil sketch, they will the more readily comprehend them. The choir is elevated above the nave three steps. A low screen, without gates, forms the line of demarcation between them. The lectern, a glorious bra-

zen eagle of the best school, stands immediately under the centre of the western arch of the tower. Facing north and south, and flanking the lectern, are four stalls, two on either side, in which the Daily Service of the Church will be said. Under the north and south arches of the tower, encroaching slightly on its internal area, are two rows of seats for the singers. Under the eastern arch, against the southeast pier, facing north, is the Bishop's stall or throne, massive and simple. Three steps ascend from the choir to the sacrarium, which are farther separated from each other by what are commonly called altar rails. They are low and of simple and rather close design. Against the north and south walls of the sacrarium, are on each side nine stalls of very good character—to be hereafter surmounted with canopies. The altar is elevated two steps above the sacrarium. It is 7 feet by 3 feet 3 inches, and 3 feet 4 inches high. It stands upon a foot-piece of inlaid wood of different colors. The top of the altar is of marble, the other parts being of black walnut. In the south wall are three very richly carved sedilia, the canopies of Caen stone, the dividing pillars of polished marble. East of these is a recessed credence, above which, assuming the form of a bracket, is an exquisitely carved head of our Blessed Lord, the Man of Sorrows, His brow garlanded with the crown of thorns. On the north of the altar is the Bishop's chair, a piece of ecclesiastical furniture not to be found as a distinctive feature in the English cathedrals, but which the rubric both of the Anglican and American Churches distinctly requires. At the back of the altar is a reredos of encaustic tiles, with panels in which several appropriate texts are illuminated. The east window is of seven lights, by WAILES, and is a beautiful specimen of art. It is filled with a series of figures under elaborate canopies. Begin-

ning with the first light at the left we have St. JOHN, St. JAMES the Greater, St. PETER, The Crucifixion of our Adorable LORD, St. THOMAS, St. PHILIP, and St. ANDREW. Beneath the figures, in panels, are the armorial bearings of the several British North American Dioceses, viz.: Toronto, Quebec, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Rupert's Land, Montreal, and Fredericton. The following text runs across the window :

I am the root and the offspring of DAVID, and the bright and morning star.

Beneath it are these words : "This window was given by members of the Church in the United States, and by the artist, W. W."

The west window, of six lights, is one of WARRINGTON'S choicest specimens. Its general design is the parallel and contrast between the Old Testament and the New. In the first and sixth lights are figures of ABEL and STEPHEN, martyrs ; in the second and fifth, ELIJAH and St. JOHN the Baptist, HANNAH and SAMUEL, and the Blessed Virgin and the Infant JESUS ; in the third and fourth, MOSES and our LORD as the Good Shepherd. The intervals are filled with angels and the instruments of the Passion. The flank windows of the nave are three lights of three varieties, the clerestory windows two lights of three varieties, and the north and south windows of the transepts two lights divided by a transom in the middle of its height. The glass is all more or less painted. Many of the side windows are memorial, the details of each differing, but an equal tone of color and light is preserved throughout. The western windows of the nave aisles are of rich design. One is to the memory of Captain SHORE, who fell at Chillianwallah, East Indies ; the other to the memory of two Prebendaries of Exeter Cathedral, the Rev. G. CORNISH, and the Rev.

R. LAMPEN, both dear friends of the Bishop of FREDERICTON. Some of the smaller windows are the gifts of the builders employed in the Cathedral, Messrs. SMALL, MITCHELL, LAWRENCE, and WELCH. We can safely pronounce the windows of Fredericton Cathedral to be unrivalled on this continent. They admit the dim but cheerful religious light. They have depth, richness, brilliancy, and intensity, with nothing gairish to offend, and nothing gloomy to depress, the worshippers.

The exterior of the Cathedral is striking, both from the cruciform nature of the plan, and from the numerous bold and massive buttresses, and the pinnacles and crosses surmounting the gables and spires. The extreme length of the building is 159 feet; breadth across transept, 70; height of nave and choir roof, 62; height of cross on west gable, 71; height of cross on transepts, 54; height of aisle walls, 20; height of clerestory, 43; height of tower to base of spire, 85; to apex of cross surmounting the spire, 178 feet. The building is entirely of stone excepting the spire. The stone of the body walls is from the immediate neighborhood: the weatherings of the buttresses, string-courses, cornices, &c., are from the Bay of Fundy: all the dressings of the doorways and windows are of Caen stone, executed in England. It appears to stand the climate of New Brunswick admirably, and by its beautiful texture and light cream color forms an agreeable contrast to the more gloomy-toned masonry around it. We ought to have mentioned before that the piers and arches supporting the clerestory wall, and also those supporting the massive tower, are all of cut-stone. The spire, as well as the roof, is covered with metal. There is an admirable chime of eight Bells in the tower, the tenor bell weighing 2800 pounds, key E flat. They were cast by the celebrated firm of

Messrs. WARNER, London. The following inscriptions are found, one on each bell :

Ave Pater, Rex, Creator.  
 Ave Fili, Lux, Salvator.  
 Ave Spiritus, Consolator.  
 Ave Beata Unitas.  
 Ave Simplex, Ave Trine.  
 Ave Regnans in sublime.  
 Ave Resonet sine fine.  
 Ave Sancta Trinitas.

The organ is a large, powerful and sweet-toned instrument. The case is peculiarly simple and beautiful. The front and pipes are not surmounted by canopies as usual; and are beautifully diapered with gold and color. It was made in Fredericton, with the exception of certain stops, which were imported from England. The cost of the Building, exclusive of the various gifts now about to be enumerated, is £15,400 currency, or \$61,600, of which we regret to say that the Bishop has been called on unexpectedly to pay out of his own limited resources the sum of \$5,500, happily reduced by the amount received at the offertory on the day of Consecration, and subsequently to \$4,300. It surely cannot be that this devoted and self-sacrificing man will be allowed to be yet further impoverished by his effective labors in behalf of the Church of God.

The cornerstone of the Cathedral was laid October 15, 1845. The nave was built in 1847. It was roofed in 1848. In 1849 the tower, the transepts, and the chancel, were built as high as the roof. In 1850 the tower was completed. In 1851 the spire was put on. In 1852-3 the interior was completed.

The following are the principal gifts which have been bestowed upon the Cathedral :

Several Chalices, Patens, &c., for the Holy Communion, by the BISHOP, and the Rev. R. PODMORE.

The Brass Eagle—Lectern—by the Rev. R. Podmore.  
The Altar-Cloth, exceedingly neat and beautiful, by Mr. Justice COLERIDGE.

The Chancel Carpet, by several ladies in England.  
The East Window, chiefly by Churchmen in the United States, and by Mr. WAILES, the Artist.

Memorial Windows—3 by the BISHOP—1 by Mrs. SHORE—1 by Mr. FISHER—1 by Mr. STREET—1 by Mr. R. HICKENS of London, a great benefactor to the Diocese. Besides these, there were several special donations to the windows by Clergymen of the Diocese and others.

The Worsted Work for the back of the Sedilia, by ladies in England.

The Font, by a lady of Fredericton.

The Clock, partly by persons in Fredericton and by a lady in St. John.

A beautiful copy of the Holy Family, from MURILLO, hung over the south-door, by the Rev. R. Podmore, who also presented the Books for the Choir, 2 Service Books for the Altar, the 2 massive Candlesticks, and the Frontal for the Pulpit.

The Bible for the Lectern and folio Prayer Book, by Capt. LOCKE LEWIS of Exeter, England.

The Texts on the western-wall by a lady in England.

The Bishop's Chair, of old English oak of remarkable texture and color, exceedingly beautiful, by Capt. PALMER, R. N.

The Encaustic Tiles in the Chancel, by H. MINTON, Esq., of Stoke-upon-Trent, England.

The Altar Slab of Marble, by Mrs. ROWE of Exeter, England.

To these must be added the valuable donation of the Cathedral Library, to be used by the Clergy of the Dio-

case, which is placed in a room projected from the north-side of the Chancel, used also as a Sacristy. Of the valuable books which it contains, a number were contributed by the University of Oxford, Mrs. HUYSH of Exeter, Mr. COLERIDGE, and others; but the great bulk, to the number of 1700, were the generous gift of the Rev. R. PODMORE, the present Librarian.

Among the benefactors of the Cathedral, special mention should be made of Mr. GEORGE HEATHERLEY of Bristol, England, who by unwearied personal efforts has raised and transmitted to the Bishop the sum of £500 sterling.

After the services of the morning the Bishop received the visiting Bishops and the Clergy of his Diocese at his residence. After exchanging congratulations, the company sat down to lunch. At the close of the generous repast a cordial welcome was extended to his brethren from abroad by the Bishop in a very neat address, in which his Clergy heartily joined, and an unanimous desire was expressed for the publication of the Consecration Sermon of Bishop SOUTHWATE. The Bishops of QUEBEC and TORONTO and the Rev. Dr. HAIGHT responded to the kind sentiments uttered by the Bishop.

The Cathedral was again opened for Divine Service at 6 o'clock, when the Rev. Mr. MOUNTAIN, of the Diocese of Quebec, and the Rev. J. D. L. STREET, said Evening Prayer. The Proper Psalms, the cxxxii and cxxxiv were chanted to the 5th tone. The First Lesson was read by the Rev. Mr. BACON. The chant for the Magnificat was Battishill in E. flat. The Second Lesson was read by the Rev. W. H. DEVEBER. The Nunc Dimittis was sung to a composition of the Bishop of FREDERICTON. The Anthem was by Dr. BOYCE, and taken from Job xviii v. 12—Et Seq.: "O where shall wisdom be found?" &c. The sermon was



preached by the Lord Bishop of QUEBEC, from 1 Chronicles, xxii 1 : "Then DAVID said, This is the house of the Lord God." In the opening of his discourse, the Bishop touchingly alluded to his former connection with Fredericton as his first pastoral charge, and the scene of his earliest ministerial labors. After a full exposition of the teaching of Holy Scripture in reference to holy places, the Bishop proceeded to refute, in a very masterly manner, several of the current objections to the views of the Church on this subject. His able and eloquent sermon was listened to with deep attention by the large congregation which had again filled the Cathedral. At its close, HANDEL's grand Hallelujah Chorus was sung with remarkable precision and energy by the choir. The Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop of the Diocese.

On the following day, Thursday, the Bishop held his Triennial Visitation in the Cathedral. All the parochial clergy of the Diocese were present in the chancel, in surplices. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Dr. THOMPSON. The Lessons were read by the Rev. Dr. JARVIS, and the Rev. N. A. COSTER. The Anthem was by Dr. BLOW : "I beheld, and lo ! a great multitude which no man could number," &c., Revelation vii 9. After Morning Prayer the Bishop proceeded to deliver his Charge, after having received and confirmed the nominations of the several Rural Deans. We have not space to give an analysis of this masterly production, nor is it necessary, as it will soon be published. It was marked by his Lordship's usual perspicuity, eloquence and strength—his deep Catholic feeling, and his lofty views of the responsibilities and duties of the Church of CHRIST, and of all its members, and especially of those "who bear the vessels of the LORD." His closing words were most solemn and touching. Every heart was melted, and we retired from

the Sanctuary feeling that we had indeed heard words of wisdom and power not soon to be forgotten.

In the evening we again repaired to the Cathedral, when prayers were said by the Rev. G. TOWNSHEND, of the Diocese of Nova Scotia. The Lessons were read by the Rev. J. DIXON CARTER, of Connecticut, and the Rev. C. M. PARKMAN, of North Carolina. The Anthem was by the Bishop of FREDERICTON: "Great is our LORD," &c. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. HAIGHT, of New York, from St. John iv 24: "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." The aim of the preacher was to set forth and illustrate the great truth, that all external worship is vain, unless accompanied by the devotion of the heart. After sermon the Hallelujah Chorus was again most admirably sung.

On Friday morning the Clergy again assembled, when the Litany was said by the Rev. G. ARMSTRONG. After which they repaired to the Library, with the Bishop, for the transaction of business. The Rev. W. Q. KEROUX was appointed Secretary. The oath of office was administered by his Lordship to the several Deans Rural who had been elected and confirmed for the next three years. He then proceeded to call the attention of his clergy to several matters, whereupon the following measures were adopted. A committee was appointed to act with the Bishop in selecting some additional Hymns to be appended to the Hymn Book published by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and to recommend the work for adoption in the several congregations. A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Mr. FODMORE for his noble donation to the Cathedral Library. An order was adopted with great unanimity and heartiness, for the publication of the Bishop's charge, and the several sermons delivered

during the three days' services. A committee was raised to prepare an address to the visiting Bishops, and the clergy from other Dioceses; and one to prepare an address to the Bishop of the Diocese.

In the evening, Prayers were said by the Rev. O. LEE and the Rev. I. ELWELL. The Lessons were read by the Rev. W. ARMSTRONG and the Rev. W. H. SHORE. The anthem was by ORFF—"Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms—cry aloud." The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. EDSON, from Ephesians iv, 4, 5, 6:—"There is one body, and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one LORD, one faith, one baptism, one God and FATHER of all, Who is above all, and through all, and in you all." It was a sound and able exposition of this important passage, and delivered with an earnestness which did not allow the attention of his hearers to flag. We are glad to know that it will be published with the other discourses.

After the service the Bishops and Clergy assembled in the Library, when the following address was read in the name and on behalf of himself and his clergy by the Bishop of FREDERICTON.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishops of QUEBEC and TORONTO; and to the Rt. Rev. HORATIO SOUTHGATE, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America; and to the Rev. the Presbyters of the American and Colonial Dioceses attending the Consecration of Christ Church Cathedral—

THE ADDRESS of the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese of Fredericton, in the Province of New Brunswick:—

We, the Bishop and Clergy of this Diocese, now assembled in this city, having brought to a close the business on

which we came together, could not think of separating, without an attempt to give expression to the feeling with which we have seen the delightful solemnities of the last three days graced with the presence, and forwarded by the assistance, of three distinguished Prelates—two of them belonging to our own branch of the Church Catholic, and the third a Missionary Bishop of the Sister Church in the United States—together with that of several Presbyters of other Dioceses, American and Colonial.

We are grateful for the honor you have all been impelled by the best of feelings to do to a portion of the Church not long ago so small and insignificant; and shall not fail to derive hope and courage to grapple with the difficulties of our position, from the kind interest you have shown in our well-being, and from the animating words you have addressed to us.

The presence among us, on this great occasion, of such a noble band of Fathers and Brethren in the Lord, some from very distant parts of the world, has enabled us to exhibit an example of Catholic union upon which we shall never cease to look back with comfort and encouragement; and we trust this is only the first of many occasions on which similar examples of it will be exhibited on this side of the Atlantic.

We entreat, Fathers and Brethren, your prayers to the throne of grace upon our labors, in the cause of CHRIST and His Church, which you have done so much to stimulate; and shall from our hearts pray God ever and in all things to prosper you and yours.

(Signed)

JOHN FREDERICTON,  
and on behalf of the Clergy.

Fredericton, Sept. 2, 1853.

The Bishop of QUEBEC and Bishop SOUTHGATE responded to this address in brief but pertinent remarks. The venerable Bishop of TORONTO had been obliged by other duties to leave Fredericton early in the evening.

The Archdeacon then came forward and presented the following address to the Bishop of the Diocese :

*To the Rt. Rev. JOHN, Lord Bishop Fredericton :*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP : Your Clergy cannot permit this their first meeting in the permanent Cathedral of the Diocese to separate without offering your Lordship their most heartfelt congratulations on the completion of this great work, which they pray may long continue to afford your Lordship, personally, all the satisfaction that you have anticipated from it, and to the worshipping people over whom you preside, all the religious advantages you have hoped and prayed for.

It is needless to assure your Lordship that your clergy highly appreciate the excellent charges you have delivered to them on different occasions, and especially at this present Visitation. Their unanimous vote to request its publication is sufficient evidence of their feelings on that subject.

Your Clergy would beg further to thank your Lordship, and through your Lordship, the other munificent contributors, for the inestimable gift of the Cathedral Library, a collection of books of such varied literature as cannot fail to supply, to a considerable extent, the deficiency of their own generally limited collections.

Deeply sensible of the solemn truth, of which your Lordship so feelingly reminded them in your excellent address, that, probably, they shall all never again meet in this world, they would conclude with their most fervent prayer,

that God may long continue your Lordship's presidency over this extensive Diocese, and bless it with increasing happiness to yourself and the flock over which the HOLY GHOST has made you the Overseer.

On behalf of the Clergy of the Diocese,

(Signed,) GEORGE COSTER, Archdeacon.

*Fredericton, September 2d, 1853.*

His Lordship's remarks in reply were most impressive.

We have thus brought our account of the Services and Exercises connected with the Consecration of the Cathedral at Fredericton to a close, with the exception of a very interesting assembly of a number of the Laity of the Diocese at the residence of the Bishop on Thursday, after his Lordship's Visitation. There were present His Excellency Sir EDMUND HEAD, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province; the Attorney General, the Master of the Rolls, the Mayor of the City, with a large number of gentlemen of high standing, military and civil. The visiting Bishops and several of the American Clergy were also present. After lunch a number of speeches were made in unison with the occasion. The Bishop of QUEBEC and Bishop SOUTHGATE replied to the very handsome terms in which the Bishop of FREDERICTON alluded to the presence of his Rt. Rev. Brethren and the other Clergy from abroad, and which drew from all present the heartiest signs of concurrence and approbation. The Lieutenant Governor, the Master of the Rolls, and other Laymen also spoke. And most gratifying it was to witness the great good feeling which pervaded the company, and the hearty manifestations which were exhibited of high respect for their Diocesan, and to listen to the strong testimony which was borne to his arduous, self-denying, and successful labors, and to his

eminent singleness of purpose. We must not omit to record that special honorable mention was made on this occasion of the accomplished Architect,—Mr. WILLS,—and of Mr. BUTTERFIELD, who kindly furnished the plans for the chancel and the choir.

As the services of the following Lord's Day—the 15th Sunday after Trinity—may be regarded as, so to speak, supplementary to those of the Consecration, it may be well to add a brief notice of them.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Dr. HAIGHT. The First Lesson was read by the Rev. Mr. TIPPET, the Second by the Rev. Mr. NEALES. The Litany was read by the Rev. W. Q. KETCHUM. The Ante-Communion was read by the Bishop of FREDERICTON, the Archdeacon reading the Epistle. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of QUEBEC from the same text as on Wednesday evening. He now considered the words as applied to the individual believer, and showed in what sense each member of CHRIST was a temple of the Lord God, and the duties hence resulting. It was a most impressive discourse, evincing great thoughtfulness, an intimate knowledge of the human heart, and an ardent desire to promote the spiritual welfare of his hearers. We have rarely listened to a sermon of more power. And the venerable appearance of the preacher and the earnestness and solemnity of his manner added great weight to his words of counsel and warning. The Holy Communion was then administered to a large number of recipients.

Divine service was celebrated again at three o'clock, when Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. W. ARMSTRONG. The First Lesson was read by the Rev. Dr. HAIGHT, and the Second by the Archdeacon. The sermon—an excellent

practical discourse on the great duty of Confession of Sin—was preached by the Rev. J. DIXON CARDER of Connecticut.

At half-past six o'clock another service was held. Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. Mr. KETCHUM and the Rev. Mr. PODMORE. The First Lesson was read by the Rev. Mr. NEALES, the Second by the Rev. Mr. SHORE. The sermon—exceedingly appropriate to the occasion—was preached by the Bishop of FREDERICTON.

We have only to add a notice of a transaction which occurred on the day before the Consecration. On Tuesday morning, in the Cathedral Library, Bishop SOUTHGATE presented the Bishop of FREDERICTON with a congratulatory letter from the Parish of the Advent, Boston. There were present the Rev. Dr. EDSON of Mass., the Rev. Messrs. CARDER and BRONSON of Conn., the Rev. C. M. PARKMAN of North Carolina, and Dr. F. E. OLIVER of Boston, besides a large number of the Clergy of the Diocese.

Bishop SOUTHGATE made a few remarks, stating the circumstances which called forth this letter. The Rev. Mr. PARKMAN was then appointed by him to read it. After the reading it was delivered to Bishop MEDLEY, who, in his few words of thanks, alluded most feelingly to his first knowledge of this Parish. He spoke of the late rector, Dr. CROSWELL, in affectionate sorrow for his loss, and bade the Parish "God-speed" with all his heart.

We doubt not that all our readers will join with us in wishing the good Bishop and his Diocese "God-speed." "Peace be within thy walls and plenteousness within thy palaces."